

Communications Committee
27 October 2006

ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Executive Summary and Recommendations

Introduction

Anna van der Gaag was elected as President of Council on the 11 July 2006 and is therefore not eligible to continue in her capacity as Chairman of the Communications Committee. The Committee is therefore asked to nominate a person to be appointed by the Council as Chairman of this Committee. The term of office of Chairman is two years.

An e-mail was sent to members of the Communications Committee in September to alert them to the fact that nominations will be sought at this meeting.

Decision

The Committee is asked to nominate a person to be appointed by the Council as Chairman of that committee.

Background information

None

Resource implications

None

Financial implications

None

Appendices

Process for the election of Chairmen of Committees

Date of paper

11 September 2006

HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL

Process for the election of Chairmen of Committees

Introduction

The Health Professions Order 2001 provides for all Committee appointments (including sub-committees) to be made by the Council and, therefore, the appointment of Committee chairmen is made by the Council and not the Committee concerned.

Process

- At its first meeting, each committee is asked to nominate a person to be appointed by the Council as chairman of that committee.
- In the event that only one member is nominated then, unless the Council decides to the contrary, that person will be appointed as Chairman.
- If more than one member is nominated or the committee cannot agree on a nomination, then, in relation to the candidates nominated or who have put themselves forward, a secret ballot will be conducted by the Secretary of the Committee among the members of Committee present.
- Before the ballot is conducted each candidate will be given the opportunity, if they so wish, to address the Committee for not more than five minutes.
- The members nominated may scrutinise the ballot process or appoint another member to do so on their behalf.
- The Registrar will announce the result of the ballot to the meeting and the winning candidate will be appointed as Chairman.
- The term of office of Chairmen is two years.

Agreed at 12 July 2005 Council meeting